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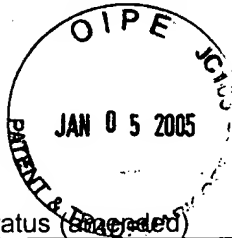
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For: Ball Loading Apparatus (Amended)



Art Unit: 1725

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Respectfully submitted,
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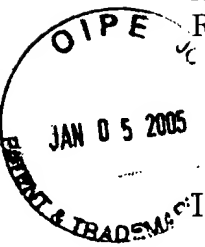
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, the time for response to which is extended by one month to January 20, 2005, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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